The Residency, Bangalore,

31st August 1920.

My dear Banerji,

I have just received a wire from Polindia in which I am informed that the Political Secretary is ill and that he will not be able to attend to any business for some time and that in the circumstances it is hardly worth while Banerji coming Simla. This is an unfortunate ~~Conference~~ but it can't be helped. It is for you to judge whether it is worth the trouble and expense of going to Simla now. An invalid is not likely to be able to pull ~~himself~~ together sufficiently to post himself up... Difficult questions such as you proposed, within the next 10 days or a fortnight. I will of course go and see Sir Thomas Wood. Perhaps you would let me have all the confidential papers or copies for private use only.

I am very disappointed at the turn things have taken expecially as I hoped to have you as a fellow ~~Maharaja~~ either on the way up or down.

Perhaps it may be possible to have a conference in Delhi in the early ~~Autumn~~.

Yours sincerely,

W.P. Barton.